

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Mayor Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Joanne Lawrence, Doris Rapp, Gina Herndon and Melissa Freeman. Murlin Bettinger and Donna White were absent.

Following roll call, Mayor Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Doris Rapp opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approve Order of Agenda:** Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Herndon, Freeman, Lawrence, Rapp

**Approve minutes of October 14, 2021 and November 4, 2021 meetings:** Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the minutes for the October 14, 2021 and November 4, 2021 meetings as presented. Alderman Rapp seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Rapp, Freeman, Lawrence, Herndon

**Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports:**

Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Herndon, Freeman, Lawrence, Rapp

**Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors**

Police Chief Coatney introduced two new police officers plus the officers who were present. The oath of office was administered by the City Clerk to Derek Eden and Amber Eggimann. Mr. Eden's badge was pinned by his wife and Ms. Eggimann's badge was pinned by her mother. The City Clerk also administered the oath of office to Police Chief, Wes Coatney.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Chief Coatney indicated both cities were fully staffed at this time. The aldermen looked at reports from the Street Department and ACO. Mayor Blankenship indicated the sheet rock was installed at the sewer plant and the new pumps have been delivered.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Bill No. 2021-17/Ordinance 17-2021 "An Ordinance of the City of Marionville, Missouri, imposing a use tax for the general revenue purposes at the rate equal to the total local sales taxes in effect for the privilege of storing, using or consuming within the City any article of tangible personal property pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of Sections 144.600 through 144.761 RSMo; providing for the use tax to be repealed, reduced or raised in the same amount as any city sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised; and providing for submission of the proposal to the qualified voters of the City for their approval at the General Municipal election called and to be held in the City on Tuesday, April 5, 2022":* Bill No. 2021-17/Ordinance 17-2021 was read twice by title only. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill No. 2021-17/Ordinance 17-2021 as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Freeman, Herndon, Rapp, Lawrence

Alderman Freeman asked if she could research when and where to hold impartial/informational meetings to help explain what this is to the voters. The board agreed that was a good idea.

*Bill No. 2021-18/Ordinance 18-2021: "An Ordinance authorizing the mayor of the City of Marionville, Missouri to enter a contractual agreement with the City of Aurora, Missouri for Police Services":* Bill No. 2021-18/Ordinance 18-2021 was read twice by title only. Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve Bill No. 2021-18/Ordinance 18-2021 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Herndon, Rapp, Freeman, Lawrence

*Bill No. 2021-19/Ordinance 19-2021: "An Ordinance approving the proposed pay scale & compensation of wages for city employees":* Bill No. 2021-19/Ordinance 19-2021 was read twice by title only. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve Bill No. 2021-19/Ordinance 19-2021 as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Lawrence, Rapp, Herndon, Freeman

*Cemetery Fund:* Aldermen reviewed interest rates for CD accounts and Money Market accounts from area banks. As of today, none of the investment departments had called back. Alderman Rapp made the motion to put \$165,000 in a CD account for one year at Freedom Bank. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Freeman, Herndon, Rapp, Lawrence

*Review Draft of 2022 Budget:* This draft was with the changes suggested at the budget meeting; however, no information on the park's budget for 2022 has been received. No motion was made on this item.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Drainage ditch on Central; between ZZ and St. Louis Street:* The retaining wall is leaning and needs to be repaired. Public Works Supervisor, Ty Snider stated he had received a bid from J&L Contracting for eleven thousand, one hundred dollars (\$11,100) and a bid from Vaught Construction for six thousand dollars (\$6,000). Mayor Blankenship stated Vaught Construction was in line with the way our engineers indicated it needed to be repaired. Alderman Rapp made the motion to allow Vaught Construction to repair the retaining wall on Central Street. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Rapp, Lawrence, Freeman, Herndon

*Light Bar for Fire Truck:* Fire Chief Bowling stated the light bar on the Fire Truck has a short in it and they can't find where the short is. It is twenty years old and he would like to replace it with an LED light bar. Fire Master's quote was seven thousand, fourteen dollars and eighty cents (\$7,014.80) and NROUTE's quote was three thousand, two hundred eighty-six dollars (\$3,286.00). Alderman Freeman made the motion to purchase the light bar from NROUTE. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Rapp, Herndon, Freeman, Lawrence

*Discuss possible amendment to Cemetery Bylaws:* The board discussed amending section .200 to allow two (2) bodies in one grave space, at the discretion of the cemetery sexton and ~~they~~ *the family, or those making the funeral arrangements*, will bear all expenses not the city. Plus changing two (2) cremations on the same lot to six (6). The board also agreed to change the fee for interments of

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cremated remains to fifty dollars (\$50.00) anytime. (Section .410) An ordinance to amend the bylaws will be voted on at a later meeting.

*Cemetery Invoice for Disinterment:* Alderman Rapp informed the board of a situation where extra digging had to be done to make room to bury someone and the city received the invoice. She spoke with the attorney and he indicated the city doesn't need to bear that cost. Alderman Herndon made the motion that the city not bear any cost in this situation. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Lawrence, Herndon, Rapp, Freeman

*Clarification on Chapter 605 of City Codes "Business License Fee":* After looking at Section 605.010 – 605.210, Alderman Rapp made the motion to make all business licenses twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and to remove the wording in 605.010 allowing license to be prorated for a partial year. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Freeman, Herndon, Lawrence, Rapp

*Vote to go into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1)Legal actions, causes of action or litigation; RSMo 610.021(3)Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting; and RSMo 610.021(13) individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.* Alderman Rapp made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1)Legal actions, causes of action or litigation; RSMo 610.021(3)Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting; and RSMo 610.021(13) individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Lawrence, Rapp, Freeman, Herndon

Aldermen went into closed session at 7:40 p.m. Aldermen returned to open session at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Blankenship stated in closed session Alderman Rapp made the motion to deduct twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00) from the paving invoice per the bid packet specifications. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Rapp, Freeman, Herndon, Lawrence

### **ALDERMEN COMMENTS**

Alderman Rapp inquired about the house that burned and other areas of concern.

### **MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Blankenship announced candidate sign ups begin December 7 and end on December 28. Marionville's Christmas parade will be December 18 and there will be activities on the square afterwards.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Rapp made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Lawrence. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Bateman, City Clerk

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